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SUMMARY: INFORMATION GARNERED FROM IMPORTERS U. S. CANNED PINE-APPLE, AND CONFIRMED BY CERTAIN GOF SOURCES, SEEM TO INDICATE COMPLETE ELIMINATION FRENCH QRS MAY NOT BE IN BEST INTEREST U. S. EXPORTERS. END SUMMARY.

1. AGATT WAS CONTACTED BY ONE OF MAJOR FRENCH IMPORTERS CANNED FRUIT FROM U. S. LATTER HAD HEARD ABOUT RECENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR LIBERALIZATIONS QRS ON THESE PRODUCTS AND ASKED WHETHER U. S. REQUESTING TERMINATION QR ON PINEAPPLES. HE ARGUED THAT COMPLETE ELIMINATION QRS WOULD RESULT IN TOTAL EXCLUSION U. S.- CANNED PINE-APPLE FROM FRENCH MARKET WITHIN SHORT TIME BECAUSE OF LOW- PRICED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPETITION FROM TAIWAN AND PHILIPPINE PRODUCERS, AND SUGGESTED THIS WOULD NOT BE IN OUR OWN TRADE INTERESTS.

2. IN RECENT CONVERSATION ON PINEAPPLE PROBLEM WITH OUR CONTACTS

IN DREE WE WERE TOLD THAT MINISTRY FOR OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS HAD MADE SAME CASE. WE POINTED OUT THAT OF MAJOR CANNED PINEAPPLE EXPORTING COUNTRIES ONLY MALAYSIA IS IN SAME FRENCH TARIFF ZONE AS U. S., AND THEREFORE WE DID NOT SEE WHY U. S. SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT COMPETITION FROM OTHER LOW- COST EXPORTERS (TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES, MEXICO, SOUTH AFRICA) IN ZONE II, OF WHICH ONLY PHILIPPINES HAD FRENCH QUOTA. DREE OFFICIAL REPLIED THAT GOF NOT LEGALLY REPEAT LEAGALLY ENTITLED TO LIBERALIZE TO ZONE I COUNTRIES WITHOUT ALSO LIBERALIZING TO ALL OTHER GATT MEMBERS. ADDITIONALLY, THE GOF WOULD FIND IT POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO DO SO.

3. WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO DETERMINE WHETHER U. S. CANNED PINEAPPLE WOULD COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY IN FRENCH MARKET WITH EXPORTS FROM LOWER- COST SOURCES MENTIONED ABOVE. IF, HOWEVER, THE SITUATION IS AS CLAIMED BY THE IMPORTERS AND THE GOF, WE BELIEVE IT ADDS WEIGHT TO THE SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION CONTAINED IN PARA 5 REF (A). WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THIS ARGUMENT IN PREPARING GUIDANCE ON FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOF ON THIS PRODUCT (PARA 3, REF (B)). EXEMPT.

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